

REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of October 10th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Shortly after midnight on Sunday, September 11, 2005, Los Angeles Police Officers assigned to Northeast Division, Gang Impact Team were conducting gang suppression operations in the area of Cypress Park. The uniformed officers observed a possible gang member standing on the corner. As the officers approached the suspect in a marked black and white police vehicle, the suspect moved to the front of a parked vehicle. As the officers exited their vehicle, they ordered the suspect to show them his hands. The suspect raised his hands holding a handgun and fired two rounds at the officers. The passenger officer suffered a gunshot wound to his right hand. The driver officer returned fire, striking the suspect. The suspect ran from the location and threw the handgun into a nearby yard. A .357 magnum handgun was recovered by the officers. After they radioed for help and organized a perimeter, the officers were able to follow a blood trail from the suspect that led to a nearby house. The officers searched the residence, but did not locate the suspect. Subsequent investigation resulted in the identification of the suspect as Alfredo Melendez, Jr. aka "Junior", a known member of the "Cypress Park" street gang. Melendez has a criminal history that dates back to 1996, with two felony convictions and arrests for narcotics, weapons, and theft. On September 13, 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department requested the assistance of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) in locating and arresting Melendez. Task Force members began the investigation along with the assistance of the USMS Technical Operations Group (TOG). On October 11, 2005, the Task Force conducted surveillance in Moreno Valley, California and observed Melendez going in and out of a residence. Task Force members surrounded the house and, with the assistance of the Moreno Valley Police Department, called Melendez out of the house. Several females and children began to exit the residence and Melendez exited the back of the house and attempted to climb over a back wall to make his escape. After realizing that Task Force officers had secured the rear of the location, he retreated back inside the home. After a brief standoff, Melendez exited the residence and surrendered without incident. Melendez was transported back to Los Angeles and booked on two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon and two felony counts of felony brandishing.

"Cypress Park" Gang Member



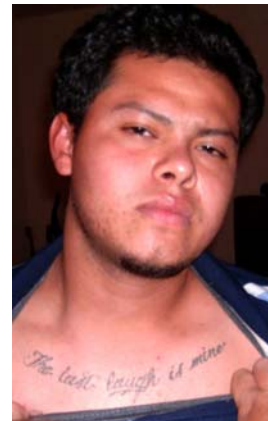
Alfredo Melendez, Jr.

**Wanted for Assault
with a Deadly Weapon
and Felony
Brandishing**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 17, 2004, New Bedford Police Officers were dispatched following a report of several shots fired. Upon arrival, they discovered a male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced dead on the scene. Investigators from the New Bedford Police Department discovered that the victim had been involved in a heated argument that night with Alexander Dominguez, a suspected member of the "MS-13" street gang. It is alleged that following the argument, Dominguez shot the victim twice in the face and five times in the chest with a sawed off .22 caliber rifle. Dominguez immediately fled the scene. Dominguez was pursued by Massachusetts State Police as well as by Deputy Marshals from the District of Rhode Island. Information was developed in May of 2005 that Dominguez had possibly fled to the Washington, D.C. area or the Los Angeles, California area. Dominguez was named a Massachusetts Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitive, and at that time, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF). In corroboration with its assigned ICE Task Force officer and the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force (NOVAGTF), CARFTF officers pursued Dominguez relentlessly for several months and in early October 2005, developed information that Dominguez was living with several friends and fellow gang affiliates in a known "MS-13" dominated area in Vienna, Virginia. CARFTF members, with assistance of the NOVAGTF, arrested Dominguez along with several other "MS-13" gang members on October 20, 2005. Dominguez was taken into custody and is currently awaiting extradition and further court litigation in Massachusetts. Associated gang members were turned over to ICE and the NOVAGTF.

"MS-13" Gang Member



Alexander Dominguez

Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 10, 2005, NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) members arrested Josie Mighty, who was wanted by the Trenton, New Jersey Police Department on charges of homicide, attempt murder, and weapons offenses. The charges stem from an incident which occurred on October 6, 2005, in which Mighty and three other subjects allegedly walked up to a known "Bloods" gang member and fired 12 rounds from an automatic pistol, hitting an innocent bystander twice and the target of his assault five times, mortally wounding him. It was later determined by investigators that this incident was an act of retaliation for a prior altercation which also resulted in a homicide. Mighty is a known member of the "59 Brims" which is a rival sect of the "Bloods" street gang. The assistance of the NY/NJ RFTF was requested and on October 10, 2005, after an extensive investigation, it was determined that the subject was staying at a residence in Trenton, New Jersey. Task Force officers gained entry to the residence and located Mighty hiding in a closet. Mighty was transported to the Trenton Police Department for processing on the above charges and is being held on one million dollars bail.

"59 Brims" Gang Member



Josie Mighty

**Wanted for Homicide,
Attempted Murder,
and Weapons Offenses**

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 18, 2005, Christopher Smith was arrested in Polk County, Florida as a result of a collateral lead sent by the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). On August 25, 2005, a warrant was issued out of Milwaukee County charging Smith with 3 counts of first degree intentional homicide. It is alleged that in the early morning hours of August 20, 2005, Smith was in a Milwaukee tavern with friends when a group of people began “mean-mugging” them. A brief argument ensued after which Smith asked a female friend to go to his residence and get his gun. His friend complied and the gun was brought to the bar. Minutes later, Smith entered the bar with the gun and proceeded to shoot and kill 3 men; 2 of whom died at the scene with gunshot wounds to the head. Smith then left the scene and could not be located. The case was adopted by the GLRFTF in August 2005. On August 28, 2005, the vehicle Smith was known to be driving was located in an orange grove in Davenport, Florida. Smith has family in the Florida area. Collateral leads were sent to the USMS in the Middle District of Florida, Southern District of Florida, and Western District of Wisconsin. On October 1, 2005, Smith was featured on *America’s Most Wanted*. Investigative leads revealed Smith’s location to be in the Polk County, Florida area. The USMS Middle District of Florida contacted local newspapers and television stations and a tip was received indicating that Smith was employed at a local construction site and going by the name of “Kurt.” On October 18, 2005, investigators proceeded to the construction site and arrested Smith without incident. Smith was positively identified by his tattoos and admitted his real name upon his arrest. Smith is awaiting extradition to Wisconsin where he faces life in prison.



Christopher Smith

**Wanted for 3 Counts
of Homicide**

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 14, 2005, Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) investigators, in conjunction with the Fulton County, Georgia Sheriff's Office, arrested John Wesley Shy at a home in Ellenwood, Georgia. Shy was indicted by the Grand Jury of Fulton County for two counts of homicide by vehicle in the first degree, driving under the influence, and several other traffic violations. On September 24, 2005, at approximately 4:00 pm, Shy was driving while intoxicated and struck and killed two individuals who were changing a tire on the side of the road. Shy was apprehended by local law enforcement officers and taken into custody; however, at a court hearing the next day, he was given a bond and released. Due to intense media scrutiny of this case, Shy's case was brought before the grand jury for indictment. SERFTF investigators learned where Shy was living and established surveillance on the residence. At approximately 5:30 pm, Shy appeared with his wife in a 2000 Lincoln. Both parties entered the residence and officers took positions around the house. After knocking several times on the front door, Shy's wife answered the carport door. SERFTF investigators spotted the subject standing behind her in the doorway and placed him into custody without incident. Since 1966, Shy has been involved in numerous traffic related offenses and has been tagged as a habitual offender by the state of Georgia. Prior to this case, he was charged with two previous DUIs.



John Wesley Shy

**Wanted for Homicide
by Vehicle and
Driving Under the
Influence**